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1. [redacted] the increased work norms which 25X1
- gave the initial stimulus to the riots in Berlin on 16 June 1953 had been forced through the SED Central Committee by Walter Ulbricht, over the strong opposition of FDGB functionaries, at a meeting held shortly before the norms were announced (exact date not known). The FDGB members of the Central Committee feared that the enforcement of the new norms would lead to a workers' revolt, but Ulbricht overruled this view. A few days later, FDGB shop stewards criticized the SED resolution in discussions with workers at factories and other work sites. As a result, the workers may have felt during the first stages of the revolt that the FDGB functionaries sided with them. The fact that the "People's Police" was not committed at first is attributed to statements by high FDGB leaders, who allegedly have been in opposition to the SED leadership for some time, to district commanders of the Police that Ulbricht and his faction were out of favor with the Russians. However, as the revolt grew the participating FDGB functionaries withdrew their support. 25X1

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